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ESTIMATING THE COST OF SVRS

Many election officials around the state have requested, for their budgeting purposes, an estimate of the cost of operating the SVRS. The following information is provided as a general guideline for the operating costs of the new system:

In fact, the cost of SVRS to the counties will be marginal. The State of New Jersey has purchased support and maintenance for the system hardware and software for the next three years. Additionally, the State is paying for the one dedicated data line from county locations to the State server location in Connecticut. The State is also providing telephone and on-site support for all the hardware and software that has been provided, with the exception of MS Office and Crystal Reports.

The State of New Jersey does not provide the cost of backup tapes, paper supplies, cleaning supplies for printers and scanners, telephone service, internet service, building wiring, computer application support for county software.

The counties will need to provide their own backup tapes for the servers. For example, the Dell web site offers a 20 pack of back up tapes for \$2016.50. This is adequate for five (5) daily re-useable backup tapes, twelve (12) monthly backup tapes, and three (3) yearly backup tapes for archival purposes. Counties may, of course, purchase backup tapes from any appropriate vendor.

Toner cartridges are another commodity that the counties will have to purchase. The Dell 5200 printer's toner cartridge lists for \$138.99 with the Use and Return option. This cartridge has a duty cycle of 18,000 pages single-sided. The Dell 5300 printer's cartridge lists for \$254.99 with the Use and Return option. The Dell 5300 printers have a duty cycle of 27,000 pages single-sided. All printers come with one initial cartridge.

With regard to label printing, the Dymo 400 Turbo requires no ink or cartridges. Standard sized labels amount to \$19.98 per box. Each box contains two (2) rolls of labels. Each roll of labels contains 350 labels/rolls. This breaks down to 700 labels per box at a cost of \$.03 per label. Counties may purchase equivalent labels from any vendor.

The actual costs to the counties for these consumable goods will depend on their individual volume of use of the system.

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